

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2675 – SB 3341

March 12, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013804): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits a teacher, whose licensure does not carry a specific endorsement for a subject, from teaching a course that requires an end-of-course assessment for students to complete graduation requirements, unless the teacher has demonstrated sufficient knowledge of course material by taking a standardized or criterion-referenced test for the content area. Requires teachers to pay for the standardized or criterion-referenced test. Exempts a teacher who passed a content area test from a re-testing requirement or from additional content area testing when assigned to teach the course in subsequent academic years, unless the teacher received a score of “below expectations” or “significantly below expectations” on the teaching evaluation immediately preceding the new assignment. The effective date is January 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000/One-Time/FY12-13
Exceeds \$3,800/Recurring/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions applied to amendment:

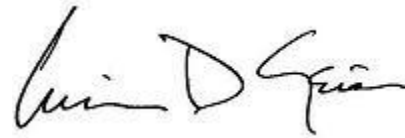
- Teachers assigned to teach courses requiring end-of-course assessments who do not have a specific subject endorsement on their teaching licensure will take a content area test prior to the start of the 2013 spring semester.
- For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that teachers will take a Praxis or similar content exam. No increase in state expenditures for additional end-of-course tests.
- Teachers will pay any cost of exams.

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- The number of teachers who will not pass a test in any fiscal year cannot be reasonably determined. If a teacher, who has been assigned to teach an end-of-course subject or who has been re-assigned such a subject having received a low evaluation score, fails a content area test the local education agencies (LEAs) will reassign existing staff to teach these courses. It is assumed that the number of teachers who will fail a content area test in any given fiscal year will be not significant. Any increase in local expenditures as a result of reassignment of personnel will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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